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REMARKS

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1. Between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. on 22 March 1954, the sound of engines, apparently of an aircraft flying at low level from the west, was heard in the area of Jagodzin (S 52/D 07). When the aircraft reached the air space approximately between the Bug River and Jagodzin, ground signals each consisting of a white star and a green star were fired from the Bug River, the Jagodzin railroad station and the areas north and south of Jagodzin. Source determined that these ground signals were fired from 15 to 20 sites. Upon these signals, the aircraft, without firing, turned to the south and departed. No AA fire was observed.
2. Between 11:35 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. on 25 March, an aircraft approached for landing at Deblin-Irena (R 52/1 61) airfield, coming from the west-northwest. Source who stood near the railroad bridge above the Lipz River observed that the approaching aircraft flew south of and at about the same height as the steeple of the Irena church; then the aircraft disappeared behind the western houses of the Deblin settlement and again came in sight taxiing in an east-southeast direction. The take procedure was repeated at 11:37 a.m. At 11:40 a.m., an aircraft took off from the field and headed east-southeast. The aircraft was of the same type as the one which was observed landing. It was a semi-high-wing monoplane with one radial engine, rigid landing gear, tail wheel, and Polish markings. There was a light east-northeast wind, a 2/10 overcast at high altitudes and good visibility.

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25X1A 1. Comment. In the area reported, the border between Poland and the USSR is represented by the Bug River. The aircraft was probably warned, by the reported ground signal, against crossing the border.

2. Comment. According to available information, a Polish school for initial pilot training is located at Deblin-Irena airfield. The description indicates that the aircraft observed probably were Yak-14s.

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